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OF GABON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter from His Excellency
El Hadj Omar Bongo, President of the Gabonese Republic.

(Signed) Denis DANGUE REWAKA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex

Letter dated 13 March 1998 from the President of Gabon
addressed to the President of the Security Council

During a solemn ceremony which has just taken place in Bangui, Central African Republic, I had the satisfaction, in my capacity as mediator and representative of the heads of State who were given an express mandate in December 1996 by the France-Africa Conference in Ouagadougou, of presiding over the signing of the National Reconciliation Pact by the various sectors of the population of the Central African Republic and by the President of the Republic, His Excellency Mr. Ange-Félix Patassé (see S/1998/219).

We all welcome this peaceful settlement of a conflict which was threatening to have a severe impact on the future of the subregion of Central Africa.

On behalf of the countries participating in the Inter-African Mission to Monitor the Implementation of the Bangui Agreements (MISAB), I join all the African heads of State who were particularly responsive to the crisis in the Central African Republic in extending support to the recommendations made by Mr. Kofi Annan in his report on the situation in the Republic (S/1998/148 and Add.1).

The launching, as soon as possible, of a United Nations peacekeeping operation in the Central African Republic cannot fail to play a role in guaranteeing the stability of the National Reconciliation Pact which has just been signed.

With that in mind, I think that in the meantime it will be necessary for the current mandate of MISAB to be extended until 15 April 1998. Accordingly, it would be good if the Security Council agreed to renew its approval for the conduct of that operation and to extend the authorization granted in resolution 1152 (1998).

I thank you in advance for the measures to be taken to that end, and I can assure you, for our part, that we will give our full support to all measures aimed at maintaining a climate of stability, progress and peace in our subregion and on the African continent.

(Signed) El Hadj Omar BONGO
